

MINUTES of Water Advisory Committee  
For Meeting of Jan. 7, 2002

Attendees: Syed Rizvi, North Marin Water District  
Al Mazza, City of Sonoma  
Al Bandur, City of Sonoma  
Joe Gaffney, City of Rohnert Park  
Jake MacKenzie, City of Rohnert Park  
John Olaf Nelson, Water Resources Management  
Mike Martini, City of Santa Rosa  
Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa  
Virginia Porter, City of Santa Rosa  
Randy Poole, Sonoma County Water Agency  
Jay Jasperse, Sonoma County Water Agency  
Cordel Stillman, Sonoma County Water Agency  
Pam Torliatt, City of Petaluma  
George Roberts, Valley of the Moon Water District  
Lee Harry, Valley of the Moon Water District  
Dave Williard, Valley of the Moon Water District  
Ron Theisen, Marin Municipal Water District  
Steve Simmons, City of Petaluma  
Matt Mullan, Town of Windsor  
Toni Bertolero, City of Cotati  
Jane Bender, City of Santa Rosa  
Pam Nicolai, Marin Municipal Water District  
Jack Gibson, Marin Municipal Water District

Public Attendees: Jo, Timmsen, Tell the Truth  
Don McEnhill, League of Women Voters-Marin  
Bob Anderson, United Winegrowers  
Brenda Adelman, RRWPC

A. Call to Order

Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa, called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

B. Introductions

The attendees made introductions.

C. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

D. Approval of October 1, 2001 and November 5, 2001 minutes

The minutes were approved.

E. Request SCWA compile MOU Table 1 Compliance Report by each signatory

This item was postponed until the next meeting.

F. Update on Collector 6 Construction

Jay Jasperse, SCWA, explained that there were three parts to the construction of collector 6: the construction of the caisson, the redesign of the pump house and pilot study about enhanced laterals.

He said that when the caisson was constructed, it was advanced unevenly into the ground, so it was tilted. Installation of the intake laterals began in October. Because of the tilt, the porthole assembly failed and a 13-foot sinkhole formed. Work has been delayed until mid December to stabilize the porthole. As of December 14, four of the ten 12 inch laterals had been installed.

Mr. Jasperse said that the pump house was being redesigned because of the tilted caisson. A geotechnical evaluation was being performed to see if soil stabilization was necessary. The SCWA is working with the Department of Health, and has an extension to February 23 for the rotation issue.

A contractor began the pilot study in August and September. The results showed that modifications were needed in the drilling methodology. The enhanced intake laterals are expected to be completed some time in spring of 2002.

Randy Poole, SCWA, said that costs would be recouped to the contractors.

Al Bandur, City of Sonoma, asked how the failures would affect the budget. Mr. Jasperse said that it was up to the contractor and the subcontractor to resolve the budget.

Toni Bertolero, City of Cotati, asked how far behind the project was and Mr. Jasperse said that it was running about 3 months late. Mr. Poole stressed that the SCWA was still in compliance as the contracts had been extended. Cordell Stillman, SCWA wrapped up the discussion by saying that the project was anticipated to be completed in May of 2003.

G. SCWA Perspective & Recommendations  
re: the Proposed 3.2 Billion Dollar Water Bond

Mr. Poole said this bond looks similar to a bond that was proposed in 1998, which did not go through. He said lots of areas in California stand to receive funds if this bond is passed. Mr. Poole suggested that stakeholders meet together to discuss the bond and its strengths and weaknesses.

Mr. Harry said some Northern California rural counties oppose this bond because of agricultural reasons. Mr. Poole said it was important that Sonoma County meet with other Northern California counties to make sure that they stand to benefit from this bond. It seems that last time a bond similar to this passed, Northern California got very little money. Mr. Poole said if Sonoma County is going to support this bond, equitable support is needed this time.

Virginia Porter asked if projects were identified within the 3.44 billion dollars. Mr. Poole said he would find out and notify the customers. He called for help from the water contractors to decide if this was something that merited support.

H. Status Update on SCWA Projects

Mr. Jasperse gave a brief run down on the status of several SCWA projects.

The Kawana Pipeline East began construction that day, and was scheduled to be completed late in the summer.

The Kawana Booster station is planned to start up in January.

The South transmission system in Cotati and Petaluma should have a draft EIR by February and a final EIR in late summer. Ms. Bertolero asked what date she could take this to the city council. Mr. Stillman said the dates had been postponed.

Environmental documentation is being prepared on the Eldridge Pipeline, and a detailed report should be completed in late March.

Work on modifying Elders Booster station is beginning this spring. Ely Booster station construction is scheduled to be designed in the spring or summer of this year. Environmental assessment is underway on the Ely Booster Pump Emergency Generator, and anticipated cost is 1 million dollars.

Mr. Harry congratulated the SCWA on the meter installation on the Sonoma Aqueduct.

There was some discussion of the projects and Pam Torliatt, City of Petaluma, requested a written update of the projects' status. Mr. Poole said one would be provided.

I. New Agreement

(Report on Workshop 2- comments received, vision statement, revised schedule  
Workshop No. 3- set for Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> in Petaluma)

John Nelson, WRM, updated the committee and passed out a report about the second workshop.

Of the 70 attendees, 40% were WAC members and 60% were citizens or other environmental groups. Thirteen people spoke at the podium. A transcript of the workshop has been posted on the website, as well as the slide show that was presented at the workshop and the Integrated Water Resource Planning presentation given by Jim Fielder at the end of the workshop.

The issues that were identified by the attendees as having priority for further discussions were watershed management, available water supply, ground water issues, and gravel mining impacts. Mr. Nelson said the third workshop in Petaluma on February 28 would focus discussions on those issues.

Brenda Adelman, RRWPC, asked if those issues were set in stone as the top priority issues, and Mr. Nelson answered that they were identified as warranting more discussion and they would be the focus of the next workshop.

Pam Nicolai, MMWD, asked what the voting was based on and Mr. Nelson referred the committee to the handout and explained how the voting process worked.

Ms. Torliatt pointed out that all the topics were important, and that perhaps subcommittees could work on each issue and then make recommendations back to the WAC.

Mr. Nelson referred the committee to pages 14-18 of the report and the list of 56 possible responses. He said about 10 needed more research. Mr. Poole asked who would do the research, and Mr. Nelson suggested that someone from the SCWA and some of the contractors would need to be involved. Mr. Harry suggested that the lead negotiators from the parties do the research.

Mr. Nelson also presented and asked the committee members to approve a revised schedule and to respond to the vision statement. Ms. Torliatt suggested the contractors take the responses back to their engineers and get their recommendations.

Mr. Harry said he felt the IWRP was far too aggressive; rather than doing the study, it should first be determined if it is necessary. There was much discussion regarding the necessity of an IWRP, and whether it is appropriate to include it in the vision statement. Pam Nicolai, MMWD, suggested revised wording. Mr. Harry also said the issue of reliability had to be addressed. Mr. Nelson said that he would revise the vision statement, and send to all parties within a few days. Mr. MacKenzie recommended that the contractors wait for the revised vision statement before they take it to their city councils. He moved that the parties commit to responding to the vision statement and the 56 possible responses to consider by March 4. The motion was seconded by the Valley of the Moon and unanimously approved.

Ms. Bertolero asked if the issue of governance was discussed at the second workshop. Mr. Ferris said water agency governance is not something that can be determined by the WAC, and Mr. Harry said that state legislature would be responsible for that. Mr. MacKenzie noted that WAC governance was addressed.

Mr. Nelson said that he would post the new schedule, which moved workshop 5 from July to October. There was no dissent.

J. Other Business

Mr. Poole said he was going to be in Washington DC February 9-15 to participate in the conference sponsored by ACWA. He asked for support from the contractors. Mr. Bandur asked if Mr. Poole could send a letter to the contractors discussing the details of the trip and what kind of support would be helpful, so staff could present the request to their respective Council or Boards.

Ms. Torliatt requested a chart showing the compliance of the contractors with the MOU for domestic supply.

K. Items for Next Agenda

Item E- Request SCWA compile MOU Table 1 Compliance Report by each signatory was requested to be carried over to the next meeting.

L. Adjourn

Mr. Ferris adjourned the meeting at 10:45am.

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